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Clean air friends,

In May 1931, my favorite building in the world – the Empire State Building – opened its doors to just 20 tenants amid the crushing devastation of the Great Depression. Since then it's stood sentinel before tragedies and triumphs, celebrations and superstorms. It's a 1250 foot-tall art deco masterpiece (counting the spire that was added at the last minute for docking blimps); it has its own zip code (10118) and has 102 floors you can visit and a secret 103rd that you can't. Jay Z and Frank Sinatra sang about it; King Kong famously climbed its spires; Annie and Sam met there at the end of *Sleepless in Seattle*, and it's also a key part of the plot in *Elf*, *Independence Day*, and *Superman* (the good one, with Christopher Reeve). But this week it's my favorite building because it just accomplished something incredible even for the Big Apple: a "deep retrofit" that has cut its electricity use by 40% in 10 years. A story in the *Washington Post* reports that "The elevators generate energy as they move, the window panes were refurbished to make them ultra-insulated. Even the multicolored lights flashing across the city are now efficient LEDs." In total, the energy savings paid for themselves twice over, with emission reductions equivalent to taking thousands of cars off the road. Not bad for an 89-year old!

In today's *Washington Update*:

- States, Cities, Counties Challenge EPA's and NHTSA's Final "SAFE" Rule Rolling Back Vehicle GHG and CAFE Standards; Public Health and Environmental Groups Also Sue and Automakers Move to Intervene
- EPA Schedules June 8 Virtual Public Hearing on Residential Wood Heater Sell-Through Proposal; Register by June 4
- EPA Publishes MATS Rule Rescinding "Appropriate and Necessary" Finding; Petition for Review Filed in D.C. Circuit
- States File Petition for Review of COVID-19 Enforcement Discretion Policy in D.C. Circuit
- Ninth Circuit: Climate Nuisance Suits Belong in State Court
- U.S. District Court Remands "Climate Fraud" Lawsuit Against ExxonMobil to Massachusetts State Court
- Report Finds Clean Power Plan's 2030 Emissions Goals Were Met in 2019
- COP 26 Rescheduled

We also have links to Capitol Hill Hearings lined up for next week. Next Monday, June 1, NACAA members will have a call for our association to explore EPA's proposal on the PM NAAQS. The NACAA Emissions and Modeling Committee conference call planned for Tuesday, June 2, has been cancelled, but on Thursday 6/4 the NACAA Air Toxics Committee convenes for its regular call. Details about upcoming NACAA committee calls and events are available on [Air Web](#).

Read NACAA's *Washington Update* here:

<http://www.4cleanair.org/sites/default/files/Documents/052920wklyupdate.pdf>

Be well, and have a happy Friday!

Wishing you my best, Miles

Ps – want to learn more about that Empire State retrofit? Here's the Washington Post story:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/climate-solutions/empire-state-building-emissions/>

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